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US Flags Lowered to Half-Staff in Observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service

Salisbury Fire Department to Pay Tribute on Sunday, October 5, 2008

Salisbury, NC_October 3, 2008 –Chief Bob Parnell, Salisbury Fire Department, shares that Salisbury Fire Stations will participate in the annual observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, this Sunday. Salisbury Station #1, 514 East Innes Street; Station #2, 2312 South Main Street; Station #3, 1604 W. Innes Street; and Station #4, 2325 Statesville Boulevard; will lower their respective U.S. flags to half-staff. This observance, which will take place on Sunday, October 5, is in conjunction with approved national legislation which requires the U.S. flag to be lowered to half-staff on all federal buildings to memorialize our country's fallen firefighters.

On October 16, 2001, President George W. Bush approved Public Law 107-51 which requires that this action occur annually in observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. Current law requires the lowering of U.S. flags on a select few days throughout the year; the Fallen Firefighter Memorial recognition is one of these few observances which includes participation at the U.S. Capitol Building and the White House, as well as other federally-owned buildings.

Citizens wishing to participate are encouraged to lower U.S. flags at their homes and businesses on Sunday, October 5, in support of this respectful acknowledgement of our country's bravest, fallen heroes. By remembering to lower U.S. flags, Americans can recognize the brave men and women who have perished while offering their ultimate sacrifice in service to our country and to our local communities. In addition, this recognition pays tribute to the courageous individuals that continue this dedicated tradition of relentless service, each and every day.

For more information on this Salisbury Fire Department observance, please contact Station #1, 514 East Innes Street, at 704-638-5351.

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